

These are questions for us all. Decisions made here punish everyone. Canary Wharf is not an island, and cannot be allowed to pretend that it is.

There are many things we can do to start:

In an economy that benefits people not corporations:

Break up the mega banks and re-found them as not-for-profit

Socialise pension funds

Reward long term investment and punish speculation

Whole company taxation with no tax havens

Cap rents not benefits

Proportional wage structures and maximum wages.

Rapid transition to a zero carbon economy.

Break up the big six energy companies and put them into public ownership

Massive investment in renewables and energy efficiency

Ban new exploration for fossil fuels and impose caps on extraction

Let's make it clear: If it's a choice between banks defaulting and privatising the NHS, we're keeping the NHS. Next time there's a crash in the City, wholesale creditors can go bang.

We are waiting, working, paying off our debts.

The 'experts' tell us we are not trained to sail a boat. The powerful tell us we'll never agree which way to go so we can't grab the helm. They say trust them, they know best. But they've proven that they don't.

To grab the helm, we only need one thing.

The social force to make it happen!



THEY OWE US.

The boat sets off from the wharf. Packed, sailing along. There's a storm ahead. Someone needs to take the helm. But the government/banker alliance is too busy charging fares, and the passengers are too busy paying. The fares keep the alliance rich.

Canary Wharf, London. Icon of financialisation, corporate profits, bonuses. Designed for the wheels of Capitalism to turn smoothly. Canary. The bird in the mine, there to warn us of danger. There to warn us of impending crisis.

A social and ecological crisis. An ideological attack on society, using debt as the excuse, and designed to keep profits heading to the rich and powerful. Unrestrained resource extraction and pollution, leading to a reduction in the Earth's basic life-giving ability.

SHIFT THE BOAT



WHY NOW?

June 2013. The UK hosts the G8 meeting. A meeting of rich nations to ensure the stability of modern neoliberal capitalism. An annual insult to the ever growing population of hungry, homeless and displaced. An annual attempt to pretend that governments care about the people and not just their own survival.

June 10 -14th. A week of events to remind the world that we do not fall for these lies.

WHY DOES DEBT MATTER?

Over the last 20 years we have created far more debt than wealth. Debt has allowed us to forget limits. And debt creates the conditions for the future, because it determines who pays what to who. Far from wealth trickling down, the divide between rich and poor is still growing.

And we are creating a climate debt. Stealing possibilities from future generations. We allow millions to die because we cannot turn away from fossil fuels.

We are told we are in debt to the banks and we have to bail them out. And for this we must have austerity, cuts, higher bills....

We are told to blame scroungers, debtors, the poor.

Debt is used to divide us. Debt makes us slaves.

WE DONT OWE THEM. THEY OWE US. SHIFT THE DEBT.

Nothing could be more stupid than to continue to invest in the search for fossil fuels. If we burn even what we have already found, we are toast!

Only the ease of making profits from balance sheets that never have to pay the real costs of climate chaos keeps this madness going.

A billion pounds in tax breaks for fossil fuel exploration in the last few years – enough to take a million people out of fuel poverty.

The banks that channel investment to projects that destroy our environment are the same banks that demand we give them more money because they made bad investments, trying to make so much money!!!

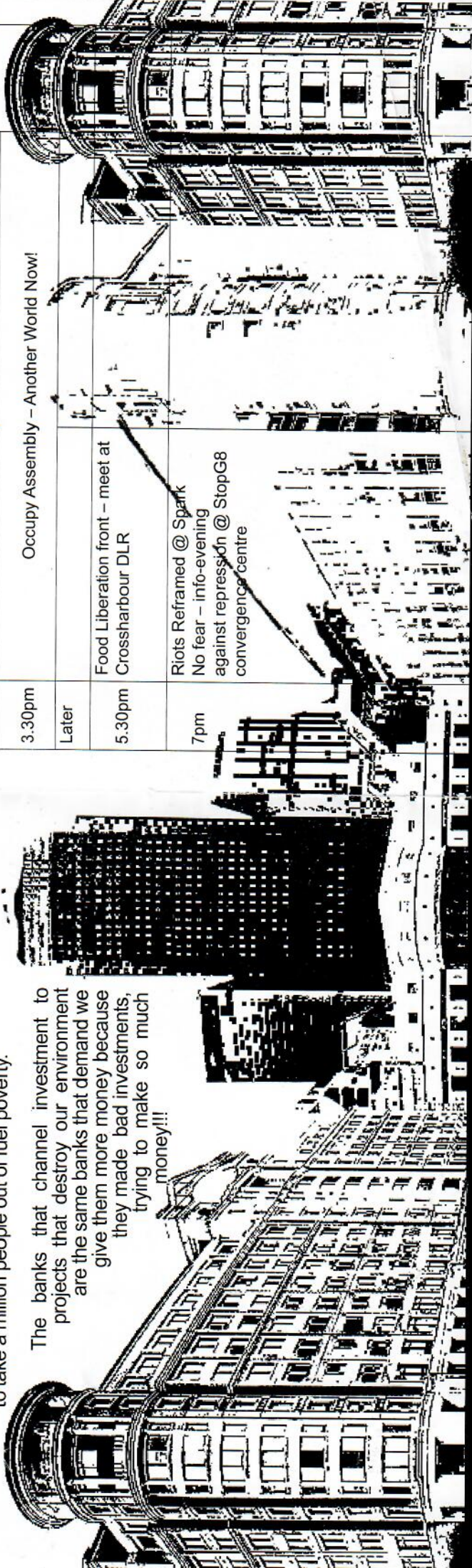
THEY OWE US - PROGRAMME

	Resist! Speakers, poetry, and music from the Resistance Street Band, pedals and others	Imagine! Workshops	Create!
1pm	Intro Reclaim the Power / No Dash for Gas Greater London Pensioners Association	Disabled People Against the Cuts How disabled people caused the crisis and why bankers are paying the price.	Participatory art
1.30pm	David Graeber Kat Brogan Food Liberation Front	Haringey Solidarity Group Community organising vs large scale action?	Guerilla gardening
2pm	UKUncut Songs from Robin Grey Danny Chivers	Jubilee Debt Campaign History of debt and austerity	Tours of Canary Wharf start here
2.30pm	Disabled People Against the Cuts Pete the Temp	Food Liberation Front GM animal food: keeping Monsanto & co. out of the food chain.	
3pm	Women's library occupation Grow Heathrow Round-up	Fuel Poverty Action Fuel poverty: the cold front of capitalism.	

Occupy Assembly – Another World Now!

Food Liberation front – meet at
Crossharbour DLR

Riots Reframed @ Spark
No fear – info-evening
against repression @ StopG8
convergence centre



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